



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Hemophilia is a genetic disorder in which the blood does not properly clot due to a deficiency or absence of one of the clotting proteins or factors in blood plasma. Hemophilia mostly affects males due to its inheritance pattern. It affects approximately one of every 7,000 live male births, of every race, nationality, or socioeconomic status; and
- WHEREAS,** significant advances have been made in the diagnosis and treatment of Hemophilia. Early diagnosis allows prompt therapy and family education, which are key to reducing future complications. Bleeding is controlled with infusions of factor replacement products. Modern blood fractionation provides a readily available supply of safe, effective therapy. Recombinant or synthetic factor has recently become available, thereby eliminating infectious risks; and
- WHEREAS,** the problem with Hemophilia is not bleeding from a cut but rather the pain associated with bleeding into the muscles and joints. Arthritic changes may lead to chronic crippling and disability. Death may occur from improperly treated bleeding episodes; and
- WHEREAS,** proper medical treatment will allow persons with Hemophilia to live a normal productive and independent life, and public awareness and acceptance will dispel many of the common misconceptions about the disease.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim March 2006, as

### HEMOPHILIA AWARENESS MONTH

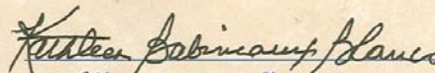
in the State of Louisiana.



Attest By  
The Governor

  
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the  
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this  
the 14th day of March  
A.D., 2006*

  
Governor of Louisiana